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COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD'S LANDMARK WATER LEGISLATION IS APPROVED

Council Vote Unanimous

The San Diego City Council has approved a cutting edge water sub-metering ordinance for all new apartment buildings and condos. Councilmember Marti Emerald wrote and promoted this ordinance, and is very happy with Monday's unanimous Council vote.

"I am thrilled with today's vote. San Diego is now setting the standard for water conservation in our region and the state," said Emerald. "Sub-metering alone has the potential to save apartment and condo residents between 19-40% on water use. That's huge!"

Councilmember Emerald created a Water Sub-metering Working Group a year ago to craft this new ordinance. The Working Group includes representatives from the San Diego County Apartment Owner's Association, the County Weights and Measures Department, developers, affordable housing advocates and plumbing experts; a broad-based group that created a comprehensive plan to conserve water and protect consumers.

When the new sub-metering ordinance becomes effective June 1, 2010, San Diego will be the largest city in California to require sub-meters.

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